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SUBJECT: TESTIMONY OF MEXICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

1. U.S. ATTORNEY RAY JAHN OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, PHONE (512) 225-4708, HAS REQUESTED DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING TESTIMONY OF TWO MEXICAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN CRIMINAL PROSECUTION FOR TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PRE-COLUMBIAN ARTIFACTS, 18 USI 2314 AND 2315. LEGAL ATTACHE FAMILIAR WITH CASE.

2. MEXICAN OFFICIALS ARE DR. ALEJANDRO GERTZ-MANERO, DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL, WHO WOULD TESTIFY AS EXPERT ON MEXICAN LAW PERTAINING TO ARTIFACTS, AND SR. EDUARDE MATOS MOCTEZUMA, VICE CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT OF PRE-HISPANIC MONUMENTS OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND HISTORY, WHO WOULD IDENTIFY AND AUTHENTICATE THE ARTIFACTS. BOTH ARE WILLING TO APPEAR.

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3. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT WILL PAY TRAVEL AND EXPENSES AS FOR

ANY GOVERNMENT WITNESS. JAHN WOULD LIKE THEM TO LEAVE FOR
SAN ANTONIO JUNE 15 BECAUSE, ALTHOUGH TRIAL EXPECTED TO
BEGIN JUNE 18, IT COULD BEGIN JUNE 16.

4. DRAWING ON ABOVE, EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM GOM OF
JUSTICE REQUEST AND ASK FOR MEXICAN COOPERATION IN PERMIT-
TING TESTIMONY. PLEASE REPORT RESULTS BY TELEGRAPH.
LEGAL ATTACHE MAY WISH TO BE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH JAHN
ON TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AS TRIAL TIME APPROACHES ASSUMING
NO MEXICAN OBJECTION. KISSINGER

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